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Victorian Premier League - Men



2009 Media Guide

WELCOME TO THE MEN'S VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE 2009

Welcome to another season of top flight football.

This year's Victorian Premier League Men's competition will again be fiercely contested, in a year that football in this state celebrates 125 years. Many of the 12 clubs that will compete for the championship in 2009 are powerhouses of Australian football history.

Heidelberg United, Preston, Sunshine, Green Gully, South Melbourne FC and Melbourne Knights have all played at a national level in the NSL. South Melbourne has gone as far as representing Oceania in the World Club Championship, and combined with Melbourne Knights have produced well over 50 Socceroos.

But all clubs in the league, from the oldest participant to the newly promoted Dandenong Thunder, represent important traditions in our game.

I wish all the clubs the very best of luck this season in their quest for team success.

Yours in football

Tony Dunkerley
President, Football Federation Victoria

Tony Dunkerley





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ROUND ONE

27 Feb	8:30pm	Richmond Eagles	v	Whittlesea Zebras	Kevin Bartlett Reserve
27 Feb	8:30pm	Oakleigh Cannons	v	Heidelberg United	Jack Edwards Reserve
1 Mar	4:00pm	Hume City	v	Altona Magic	Broadmeadows Valley Park
1 Mar	5:00pm	Preston Lions	v	Melbourne Knights	BT Connor Reserve
1 Mar	5:00pm	Green Gully Cavaliers	v	Sunshine Georgies	Green Gully Reserve
1 Mar	6:00pm	South Melbourne	v	Dandenong Thunder	Bob Jane Stadium

ROUND TWO

6 Mar	8:30pm	Oakleigh Cannons	v	Dandenong Thunder	Jack Edwards Reserve
6 Mar	8:30pm	Richmond Eagles	v	Melbourne Knights	Kevin Bartlett Reserve
7 Mar	7:30pm	Altona Magic	v	Preston Lions	Paisley Park Soccer Complex
8 Mar	5:00pm	Sunshine Georgies	v	Hume City	Chaplin Reserve
8 Mar	6:00pm	South Melbourne	v	Heidelberg United	Bob Jane Stadium
9 Mar	8:30pm	Whittlesea Zebras	v	Green Gully Cavaliers	Epping Soccer Stadium

ROUND THREE

13 Mar	8:30pm	Oakleigh Cannons	v	Melbourne Knights	Jack Edwards Reserve
14 Mar	5:00pm	Green Gully Cavaliers	v	Dandenong Thunder	Green Gully Reserve
14 Mar	5:00pm	Altona Magic	v	Richmond Eagles	Paisley Park Soccer Complex
15 Mar	4:00pm	Hume City	v	Whittlesea Zebras	Broadmeadows Valley Park
15 Mar	5:00pm	Preston Lions	v	South Melbourne	BT Connor Reserve
16 Mar	8:30pm	Heidelberg United	v	Sunshine Georgies	Olympic Park (Village)

ROUND FOUR

20 Mar	8:30pm	Richmond Eagles	v	Sunshine Georgies	Kevin Bartlett Reserve
21 Mar	4:00pm	Hume City	v	Heidelberg United	Broadmeadows Valley Park
21 Mar	6:30pm	Dandenong Thunder	v	Altona Magic	George Andrews Reserve
22 Mar	5:00pm	Preston Lions	v	Green Gully Cavaliers	BT Connor Reserve
22 Mar	6:00pm	South Melbourne	v	Melbourne Knights	Bob Jane Stadium
22 Mar	8:30pm	Whittlesea Zebras	v	Oakleigh Cannons	Epping Soccer Stadium

ROUND FIVE

27 Mar	8:30pm	Richmond Eagles	v	Preston Lions	Kevin Bartlett Reserve
27 Mar	8:30pm	Oakleigh Cannons	v	Sunshine Georgies	Jack Edwards Reserve
28 Mar	5:00pm	Green Gully Cavaliers	v	Melbourne Knights	Green Gully Reserve
28 Mar	6:00pm	Dandenong Thunder	v	Hume City	George Andrews Reserve
30 Mar	8:30pm	Whittlesea Zebras	v	South Melbourne	To Be Confirmed
30 Mar	8:30pm	Heidelberg United	v	Altona Magic	Olympic Park (Village)

ROUND SIX

4 Apr	7:30pm	Altona Magic	v	Green Gully Cavaliers	Paisley Park Soccer Complex
5 Apr	3:00pm	Sunshine Georgies	v	Dandenong Thunder	Chaplin Reserve
5 Apr	3:00pm	Melbourne Knights	v	Hume City	Knights Stadium
5 Apr	3:00pm	Oakleigh Cannons	v	Preston Lions	Jack Edwards Reserve
5 Apr	4:00pm	South Melbourne	v	Richmond Eagles	Bob Jane Stadium
6 Apr	8:30pm	Whittlesea Zebras	v	Heidelberg United	To Be Confirmed

ROUND SEVEN

13 Apr	7:00pm	Oakleigh Cannons	v	Richmond Eagles	Jack Edwards Reserve
18 Apr	4:00pm	Green Gully Cavaliers	v	South Melbourne	Green Gully Reserve
19 Apr	3:00pm	Hume City	v	Preston Lions	Broadmeadows Valley Park
19 Apr	3:00pm	Sunshine Georgies	v	Altona Magic	Chaplin Reserve
19 Apr	6:00pm	Dandenong Thunder	v	Whittlesea Zebras	George Andrews Reserve
20 Apr	8:30pm	Heidelberg United	v	Melbourne Knights	Olympic Park (Village)

ROUND EIGHT

24 Apr	8:30pm	Richmond Eagles	v	Dandenong Thunder	Kevin Bartlett Reserve
25 Apr	3:00pm	Hume City	v	South Melbourne	Broadmeadows Valley Park
25 Apr	4:00pm	Green Gully Cavaliers	v	Heidelberg United	Green Gully Reserve
25 Apr	7:30pm	Altona Magic	v	Oakleigh Cannons	Paisley Park Soccer Complex
26 Apr	3:00pm	Melbourne Knights	v	Whittlesea Zebras	Knights Stadium
26 Apr	3:00pm	Preston Lions	v	Sunshine Georgies	BT Connor Reserve

ROUND NINE

2 May	6:00pm	Dandenong Thunder	v	Preston Lions	George Andrews Reserve
3 May	3:00pm	Hume City	v	Green Gully Cavaliers	Broadmeadows Valley Park
3 May	3:00pm	Sunshine Georgies	v	Melbourne Knights	Chaplin Reserve
3 May	3:00pm	Whittlesea Zebras	v	Altona Magic	To Be Confirmed
3 May	4:00pm	South Melbourne	v	Oakleigh Cannons	Bob Jane Stadium
4 May	8:30pm	Heidelberg United	v	Richmond Eagles	Olympic Park

ROUND TEN

8 May	8:30pm	Richmond Eagles	v	Hume City	Kevin Bartlett Reserve
9 May	4:00pm	Green Gully Cavaliers	v	Oakleigh Cannons	Green Gully Reserve
10 May	3:00pm	Sunshine Georgies	v	Whittlesea Zebras	Chaplin Reserve
10 May	3:00pm	Melbourne Knights	v	Dandenong Thunder	Knights Stadium
10 May	3:00pm	Preston Lions	v	Heidelberg United	BT Connor Reserve
10 May	4:00pm	South Melbourne	v	Altona Magic	Bob Jane Stadium

ROUND ELEVEN

15 May	8:30pm	Richmond Eagles	v	Green Gully Cavaliers	Kevin Bartlett Reserve
16 May	6:00pm	Dandenong Thunder	v	Heidelberg United	George Andrews Reserve
16 May	7:30pm	Altona Magic	v	Melbourne Knights	Paisley Park Soccer Complex
17 May	3:00pm	Hume City	v	Oakleigh Cannons	Broadmeadows Valley Park
17 May	3:00pm	Sunshine Georgies	v	South Melbourne	Chaplin Reserve
17 May	3:00pm	Whittlesea Zebras	v	Preston Lions	To Be Confirmed

ROUND TWELVE

23 May	7:30pm	Altona Magic	v	Hume City	Paisley Park Soccer Complex
24 May	3:00pm	Sunshine Georgies	v	Green Gully Cavaliers	Chaplin Reserve
24 May	3:00pm	Melbourne Knights	v	Preston Lions	Knights Stadium
24 May	3:00pm	Whittlesea Zebras	v	Richmond Eagles	To Be Confirmed
24 May	4:00pm	Dandenong Thunder	v	South Melbourne	George Andrews Reserve
25 May	8:30pm	Heidelberg United	v	Oakleigh Cannons	Olympic Park (Village)

ROUND THIRTEEN

30 May	4:00pm	Green Gully Cavaliers	v	Whittlesea Zebras	Green Gully Reserve
30 May	6:00pm	Dandenong Thunder	v	Oakleigh Cannons	George Andrews Reserve
31 May	3:00PM	Melbourne Knights	v	Richmond Eagles	Knights Stadium
31 May	3:00pm	Hume City	v	Sunshine Georgies	Broadmeadows Valley
31 May	3:00pm	Preston Lions	v	Altona Magic	BT Connor Reserve
1 Jun	8:30pm	Heidelberg United	v	South Melbourne	Olympic Park (Village)

ROUND FOURTEEN

12 Jun	8:30pm	Richmond Eagles	v	Altona Magic	Kevin Bartlett Reserve
13 Jun	6:00pm	Dandenong Thunder	v	Green Gully Cavaliers	George Andrews Reserve
14 Jun	3:00pm	South Melbourne	v	Preston Lions	Bob Jane Stadium
14 Jun	3:00pm	Melbourne Knights	v	Oakleigh Cannons	Knights Stadium
14 Jun	3:00pm	Whittlesea Zebras	v	Hume City	To Be Confirmed
14 Jun	3:00pm	Sunshine Georgies	v	Heidelberg United	Chaplin Reserve

ROUND FIFTEEN

19 Jun	8:30pm	Oakleigh Cannons	v	Whittlesea Zebras	Jack Edwards Reserve
20 Jun	4:00pm	Green Gully Cavaliers	v	Preston Lions	Green Gully Reserve
20 Jun	7:30pm	Altona Magic	v	Dandenong Thunder	Paisley Park Soccer Complex
21 Jun	3:00pm	Sunshine Georgies	v	Richmond Eagles	Chaplin Reserve
21 Jun	3:00pm	Melbourne Knights	v	South Melbourne	Knights Stadium
22 Jun	8:30pm	Heidelberg United	v	Hume City	Olympic Park (Village)

ROUND SIXTEEN

27 Jun	7:30pm	Altona Magic	v	Heidelberg United	Paisley Park Soccer Complex
28 Jun	3:00pm	Preston Lions	v	Richmond Eagles	BT Connor Reserve
28 Jun	3:00pm	Melbourne Knights	v	Green Gully Cavaliers	Knights Stadium
28 Jun	3:00pm	South Melbourne	v	Whittlesea Zebras	Bob Jane Stadium
28 Jun	3:00pm	Sunshine Georgies	v	Oakleigh Cannons	Chaplin Reserve
28 Jun	3:00pm	Hume City	v	Dandenong Thunder	Broadmeadows Valley Park

ROUND SEVENTEEN

10 Jul	8:30pm	Richmond Eagles	v	South Melbourne	Kevin Bartlett Reserve
11 Jul	4:00pm	Green Gully Cavaliers	v	Altona Magic	Green Gully Reserve
11 Jul	6:00pm	Dandenong Thunder	v	Sunshine Georgies	George Andrews Reserve
12 Jul	3:00pm	Hume City	v	Melbourne Knights	Broadmeadows Valley Park
12 Jul	3:00pm	Preston Lions	v	Oakleigh Cannons	BT Connor Reserve
13 Jul	8:30pm	Heidelberg United	v	Whittlesea Zebras	Olympic Park (Village)

ROUND EIGHTEEN

17 Jul	8:30pm	Richmond Eagles	v	Oakleigh Cannons	Kevin Bartlett Reserve
18 Jul	7:30pm	Altona Magic	v	Sunshine Georgies	Paisley Park Soccer Complex
19 Jul	3:00pm	Preston Lions	v	Hume City	BT Connor Reserve
19 Jul	3:00pm	Melbourne Knights	v	Heidelberg United	Knights Stadium
19 Jul	3:00pm	Whittlesea Zebras	v	Dandenong Thunder	To Be Confirmed
19 Jul	4:00pm	South Melbourne	v	Green Gully Cavaliers	Bob Jane Stadium

ROUND NINETEEN

24 Jul	8:30pm	Oakleigh Cannons	v	Altona Magic	Jack Edwards Reserve
25 Jul	6:00pm	Dandenong Thunder	v	Richmond Eagles	George Andrews Reserve
26 Jul	3:00pm	Whittlesea Zebras	v	Melbourne Knights	To Be Confirmed
26 Jul	3:00pm	Sunshine Georgies	v	Preston Lions	Chaplin Reserve
26 Jul	4:00pm	South Melbourne	v	Hume City	Bob Jane Stadium
27 Jul	8:30pm	Heidelberg United	v	Green Gully Cavaliers	Olympic Park (Village)

ROUND TWENTY

31 Jul	8:30pm	Oakleigh Cannons	v	South Melbourne	Jack Edwards Reserve
31 Jul	8:30pm	Richmond Eagles	v	Heidelberg United	Kevin Bartlett Reserve
1 Aug	4:00pm	Green Gully Cavaliers	v	Hume City	Green Gully Reserve
1 Aug	7:30pm	Altona Magic	v	Whittlesea Zebras	Paisley Park Soccer Complex
2 Aug	3:00pm	Preston Lions	v	Dandenong Thunder	BT Connor Reserve
2 Aug	3:00pm	Melbourne Knights	v	Sunshine Georgies	Knights Stadium

ROUND TWENTY ONE

7 Aug	8:30pm	Oakleigh Cannons	v	Green Gully Cavaliers	Jack Edwards Reserve
8 Aug	6:00pm	Dandenong Thunder	v	Melbourne Knights	George Andrews Reserve
9 Aug	3:00pm	Whittlesea Zebras	v	Sunshine Georgies	To Be Confirmed
9 Aug	3:00pm	Heidelberg United	v	Preston Lions	Olympic Park (Village)
9 Aug	3:00pm	Hume City	v	Richmond Eagles	Broadmeadows Valley Park
9 Aug	4:00pm	Altona Magic	v	South Melbourne	Paisley Park Soccer Complex

2008 VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE MEN AWARD WINNERS

GOLD MEDAL LEADERBOARD

Graham Hockless (Heidelberg United)	32
Jeffrey Fleming (Green Gully)	30
Tony Sterjovski (Preston Lions)	30
Henry Fa'arodo (Altona Magic)	29
Craig Elvin (Melbourne Knights)	28
Ross Antoniadis (Whittlesea Zebras)	26
Carl Recchia (Altona Magic)	19
Steve Iosifidis (Melbourne Knights)	17
Ramazan Tavsancioglu (South Melb)	17
Trent Waterson (Oakleigh Cannons)	16
Kofi Danning (A.I.S.)	15
Jesse Krncevic (Richmond)	15

Goalkeeper of the Year: Steven Tilovski (Green Gully)

Bill Fleming Award (Media Player of the Year) Pablo Cardozo (Richmond)

Top Goal Scorer Pablo Cardozo (Richmond)

Coach of the Year Chris Taylor (Melbourne Knights)



Graham Hockless



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ALTONA MAGIC

The defending champion has flown under the radar in the off-season, but is expected to field an ultra competitive side once more under 2008 championship winning coach Vlado Tortevski. This is mainly due to the fact they have managed to retain the bulk of the squad that defeated Melbourne Knights in the grand final last year, their first title in 11 years. But the Magic will carry the weight of expectation as a result, turning from the hunter to the hunted.

They have added some quality with Victorian Institute of Sport youngster Kilment Traseski, Frankston Pines, leading striker Adam Fadljevic and Altona City stalwart Tony Saric. The Magic's only key departure is captain Stiven Mrkela, who has crossed to South Melbourne.

Vlado Tortevski The Coach

Tortevski will always have a special place at Altona after guiding them to championship glory last season. "Attitude" has been a key word at Paisley Park in the off-season, thus meaning a title hangover is unlikely.

Tortevski appears to have the Magic as hungry as ever to taste more success.

Carl Recchia Key Player

The former Melbourne Victory player showed what he is capable of in the grand final last year with a best on pitch performance. He will wear the captain's arm band in 2009 and will be determined to lead from the front.

Kilment Taseski Shooting Star

The youngster is a product of the Victorian Institute of Sport and big things are expected this year

CLUB COLOURS

HOME

Shirt	Red & Black
Shorts	Black
Socks	Red

AWAY

Shirt	White
Shorts	Black
Socks	Black

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4. Steve Laurie
5. Doug Mladenovic
6. Con Anthopoulos
8. Carl Recchia (c)
10. Pece Cergovski
11. Kliment Taseski
12. Adam Fadljevic
13. Robert Naumovski
15. Mifit Bojku
17. Phillip Riccobene
18. Tony Saric
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23. Nicholas Kalmar
36. Bojo Jeudjevic



Carl Recchia



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DANDENONG THUNDER

The new kids on the block will find out very quickly how tough it can be to hold a spot in the Victorian Premier League after earning promotion from State League One. South Eastern relatives Frankston, Kingston City and Springvale are all clubs who have earned promotion, only to lose their place just as quick in recent times.

One positive for the Thunder is they will be under the expert tutelage of the highly respected Stuart Munro, who has VPL coaching experience and knows what it takes to build a side. Dandenong has retained a fair portion of its state league squad, but has failed to attract key VPL signings.

They'll have a UK flavour with Sam Bailey, James Thomas and Jack Hingert joining the club from abroad, while fellow Englishman Colin Quirk and Aaron Wilford have made the step up to Premier league from State League club Southern Stars.

Stuart Munro The Coach

Munro himself has said that even he does not know the potential of his squad, thus it's hard to predict just how they'll fair in the top flight. They have drawn some tough fixtures to start the year against championship fancy South Melbourne FC, Green Gully and Oakleigh Cannons, the latter who he coached last year. Munro's guidance and management skill will be vital if they are to avoid relegation.

Marcus Stergiopolos Key Player

The reliable and experienced Stergiopolos has a crucial role to play in guiding a young and green combination through the rigors of VPL football.

Hamlet Armenian Shooting Star

Will be desperate to establish himself as a first choice top flight player.

CLUB COLOURS

HOME

Shirt	Red with Black
Shorts	Black
Socks	Black

AWAY

Shirt	White with Red
Shorts	White
Socks	White

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Sam Bailey	Ibraim Ibraimi
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Aron Wilford	Veton korcari
Hamlet Armenian	Joey Diorio
Rinor Muriqi	Denis Ukalovski
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GREEN GULLY CAVALIERS

Last year's minor premier may be about to undergo a changing of the guard. Experience coach Ian Dobson decided to move on after the disappointment of not taking his men to at least the play-off in 2008, after finishing the regular season on top of the table.

Key Brazilian play-maker Pedro Oliveria, the talented Kocce Delev and forward Campbell Banks followed suit; all quality players who need replacing. But new coach David Winton has managed to stabilise the club in his short time as the top dog, even attracting quality players across to Green Gully Reserve. Electrifying Richmond Eagles striker Pablo Cardozo has crossed clubs in the off season and is determined to make his mark, while there are big wraps on 25 year-old UK signing Daniel White.

Green Gully has developed a habit of winning, and habits can be hard to shake.

David Winton The Coach

Winton has made the big step up from coaching at under 21 level in 2008 to taking charge of the senior team. His Green Gully under 21 team won last year's championship on the bit, finishing seven points ahead of its nearest rival.

By all reports, he has a great rapport with the younger guys and an eye for talent.

Pablo Cardozo Key Player

Without a doubt, all eyes will be on Pablo this season. He was the most damaging striker in the competition last year for finalist Richmond Eagles, finishing with the Golden Boot.

Joel Nikolic Shooting Star

Emerging as one of the most talented strikers in the VPL last season, and at 23, is ready to take his game to another level.

CLUB COLOURS

HOME

Shirt	Green & White
Shorts	Green & White
Socks	Green

AWAY

Shirt	Green & White
Shorts	Green & White
Socks	Green

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2009 PLAYING SQUAD

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| 1. Patric Ndongo | 17. Andy Vargas |
| 2. Kristian Ivesic | 18. Joel Nikolic |
| 3. Steven Burton | 23. Steven Tilovski |
| 4. Dean Fak | |
| 5. Cameron Drake | |
| 6. Kole Delev | |
| 7. Jeffret Fleming | |
| 8. Aziz Behich | |
| 9. Daniel White | |
| 11. Pablo Cardozo | |
| 10. John Adam | |
| 12. Matthew Sanders | |
| 19. Diogo Ferreria | |
| 14. Ryan Ollerton | |
| 16. Mile Medjedovic | |



Dean Fak



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HEIDELBERG UNITED

Heidelberg United will look to ride the wave of a spirited 2008 finals series when hostilities resume this year. The Warriors captured the imagination of the football public when they stormed through to the preliminary final, only to go down to Melbourne Knights. In doing so, they won a lot of admirers and, importantly, confidence.

A championship might just be around the corner for this proud club, who last tasted the ultimate glory in 2001. They have only bolstered their stocks in terms of talent, and again have the revered George Katsakis in charge.

A title doesn't seem beyond them with players such as reigning Gold Medalist Graham Hockless, new Sydney FC signing Bob Petta and inspirational captain Tony Ouliaris.

George Katsakis The Coach

Katsakis has a knack of squeezing every last ounce of ability from his playing list. He will again ride them hard this year given the opportunity in front of them and the in-roads made in 2008. He has instilled spirit and confidence, and has his squad playing winning football even before the season proper, guiding them into the Hellenic Cup final.

Graham Hockless Key Player

It's hard to go past Hockless as the Warriors most important player. Was rewarded for an outstanding 2008 season with the FFV Gold Medal.

Rudi Saglam Shooting Star

The 17 year-old is likely to be used as a burst player, but could develop into a regular starter with his creativity through the midfield.

CLUB COLOURS

HOME

Shirt	Black & Yellow
Shorts	Black
Socks	Black

AWAY

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Shorts	Black
Socks	Yellow

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2009 PLAYING SQUAD

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|---------------------|----------------------|
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| 2. Peter Roberts | 18. Osagie Ederaro |
| 3. Daniel Jones | 19. Sebastian Mattei |
| 4. Tony Ouliaris | 20. Dennis Alilovic |
| 5. Neven Antic | |
| 6. Eric Vassiladis | |
| 7. Anthony Magnacca | |
| 8. Jim Drossos | |
| 9. Mark Tsiolas | |
| 10. Graham Hockless | |
| 11. Bob Petta | |
| 12. James Stefanou | |
| 14. Emir Ameti | |
| 15. Tas Psonis | |
| 16. Ridvan Saglam | |



Tony Ouliaris



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HUME CITY

Hume City, formerly Coburg United, have been one of the most active clubs in the off-season, and as a result interest in the club has boomed. They re-locate from Knights Stadium to Broadmeadows Valley Park this season and are determined to create a fortress at home.

The turn-over of players has been enormous, but they seem to have built a stronger side than the one that stayed afloat in the top flight last year.

Adelaide United defender Izzy Erdogan is the marquee signing, while Zoran Petrevski has crossed from grand finalist Melbourne Knights, as has Preston Lions pair Tony Sterjovski and Louie Acevski. Oakleigh Cannon Jonathon Minos has also joined Hume City.

Goran Lozanovski The Coach

Lozanovski has a football resume the envy of many which no doubt has had a big impact in attracting quality players to the club. The former Socceroo was impressive in the top post last year and had his troops playing solid, competitive VPL football. The challenge now will be converting solid football, into quality football capable of standing up in finals.

Izzy Erdogan Key Player

Erdogan joins Hume City after only having his Adelaide United contract terminated in January this year, due to chronic hamstring problems. He has been working hard to get his body right, and providing it holds up he should be one of the players to watch this season.

Jason Davidson Shooting Star

Hume City will be eager to see Davidson develop into a quality player in 2009.

CLUB COLOURS

HOME

Shirt	Red
Shorts	Red
Socks	Red

AWAY

Shirt	White
Shorts	White
Socks	White

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2009 PLAYING SQUAD

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6. Serdar Pir
7. Isyan Erdogan
8. Alfonso Opazo
9. Ramazan Sauren
10. Toni Sterjovski
15. Zoran Petrevski
17. Caner Icarci
19. Turhan Sumbul
20. Nick Harruy
30. Lupce Acevski



Serdar Pir



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MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

Melbourne Knights went close to landing the silverware last year, and may well rue the missed opportunity with the competition expected to improve this season. But being the Melbourne Knights, they could well make up for that lost opportunity also. It's hard to read just where the Knights sit on the pecking order heading into the year after a host of off-season departures.

The loss of Andrew Barisic to Gold Coast, Tomislav Milardovic, Ivan Franjic and Dario Matkovic will be felt, while veteran Joe Spiteri has retired. It has created a lot of opportunity for the next crop of players to make their mark. Experienced coach Chris Taylor and his support staff have still managed to recruit to off-set some of the losses.

The main signing is the return of young gun Mate Duganzdic from Croatian club Dinamo Zagreb. He will generate plenty of interest this year.

Chris Taylor The Coach

Taylor is a perfectionist and the loss to Altona Magic in last years grand final would still be stinging. He will have a vastly different looking side this year, but could mould a formidable one.

Craig Elvin Key Player

Elvin's leadership is first class and he remains one of the Knights most influential and important players. He will don the captains arm band again.

Mate Duganzdic Shooting Star

Expect the unexpected from this emerging talent, fresh from a stint in Europe.

CLUB COLOURS

HOME

Shirt	Red
Shorts	White
Socks	Blue

AWAY

Shirt	White
Shorts	White
Socks	White

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6. Matthew Grbesa
7. Mate Dugandzic
8. Cameron Watson
9. Joshua Groenwald
10. Greg Draper
11. Dimi Hatzimouratis
13. Mellih Becket
14. Craig Elvin (c)
16. Frankie Lagana
17. Petar Fraijic
18. Alex Kiratzoglou
19. Liam Cainell



Craig Elvin



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OAKLEIGH CANNONS

Oakleigh Cannons went close to making the Victorian Premier League finals series last year, and will be motivated by the fact it just missed out. They have changed coach in the off season with former South Melbourne FC championship winning manager John Anastasiadis taking the reigns.

Their form during the pre-season suggests they are going to be thereabouts again, earning a Hellenic Cup semi-final berth, but perhaps the barometer of the team's success will be the development of the younger players.

Melbourne Victory Youth pair Stephen Hatzikostas and Robert Wayne have signed with the club, and their progress, along with a few other youngsters, could prove telling.

John Anastasiadis The Coach

Anastasiadis has the runs on the board and his experience and tactical nous could be what is needed to lift Oakleigh into the finals. He'll be looking to improve on their seventh placing of 2008.

Ricky Diaco Key Player

A fit Diaco will play a vital role up front for the Cannons, and they'll need him to return to somewhere near his best.

Kristopher Kioussis Shooting Star

Kioussis has joined the Cannons from Bentleigh Green, and the 16 year old has impressed in the pre-season.

CLUB COLOURS

HOME

Shirt	Blue
Shorts	Blue
Socks	Blue

AWAY

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Shorts	White
Socks	White

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| 3. Simon Mur | 19. Bill Gasparinatos |
| 4. George Lambadaridis | 20. Ari Drakos |
| 5. Felix Rosman (c) | 21. Dario Matkovic |
| 6. Stelios Drakos | 22. Ramsey Nasser |
| 7. Trent Waterson | 23. Srdjan Stefanovic |
| 8. Bonel Obradovic | 25. Scott Webster |
| 10. Ricky Diaco | 27. Robert Wynne |
| 11. Juan Nilo | 28. Mathew Wilkinson |
| 12. Milos Lujic | 35. Scott Agustin |
| 13. Bill Damianos | 40. Dean Anastasiadis |
| 14. Jerry Karpeh | |
| 15. Stephen Hatzikostas | |
| 16. Dean Panagopoulos | |



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PRESTON LIONS

PRESTON has had far from an ideal preparation with the resignation of its coach and the departure of several key players. John Markovski parted company with the Lions almost a month out from kick-off, and to impact matters, Lou Acevski, Tony Sterjovski, Nick Schwal, Les Anastasiou and Johnny Sapazovski also left BT Connor Reserve.

But the Lions, celebrating their 50th year in 2009, are a resilient club and have steadied the ship in recent weeks. They appointed former coach Zoran Trajceviski not long after the news of Markovski's exit, and have gone down the youth path in an attempt to hold ground in the upper echelon of the VPL.

They played finals last year, but will have to gel quickly as a new group if they want to repeat that feat.

Zoran Trajceviski The Coach

Trajceviski has come to the rescue and is no stranger to BT Connor Reserve, having led the Lions to finals in 2004. He also coached the newly promoted Dandenong Thunder in State League One last year.

Michael Boseviski Key Player

Boseviski will captain the club this year and his role will take on greater significance given the departure of so many experienced players.

Stuart Wilson Shooting Star

Wilson has signed on from the Victorian Institute of Sport. Has talent to burn.

CLUB COLOURS

HOME

Shirt	Red & Black
Shorts	Black
Socks	Red

AWAY

Shirt	Yellow (Red Trim)
Shorts	Yellow (Red Trim)
Socks	Yellow

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| 3. Michael Bosevski | 19. Lupce Koceski |
| 4. Mario Ladjak | 21. Damir Salcin |
| 5. Chris Toleski | 23. Igor Kolevski |
| 6. Thomas Tolevski | 29. Serkan Oksuz |
| 7. Marko Lazarevic | 33. Goce Gruevski |
| 8. Robert Najdovski | 40. Nasser Curo |
| 9. Robert Dolevski | |
| 10. Blaze Georgioski | |
| 11. Michael Miskas | |
| 14. Igor Arsovski | |
| 15. Stuart Wilson | |
| 16. Bale Micovski | |
| 17. Ivan Filipovic | |
| 18. Zeljko Popovic | |



Michael Bosevski



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RICHMOND EAGLES

Richmond, one of the bolters of 2008, will undergo a complete restructure up front this season after losing star pair Pablo Cardozo and Jesse Krncevic. Krncevic returns to Germany while Pablo Cardozo will line-up against the Eagles with Green Gully. Replacing him looms as the biggest challenge at Kevin Bartlett Reserve, considering his impact last year with over 20 goals, winning the Golden Boot.

The Eagles will still carry plenty of momentum having played finals for the first time last year, while the addition of some experienced players will help. Lorenz Kindtner and Joern Heineke both have European experience and have signed under coach Michael Chatzitrifonos. Then there is Daniel Visevic and Nick Robinson. Visevic left Melbourne Knights to have a crack with Croatian club Dinamo Zagreb, while Robinson was with Manchester based club FC United, who compete in the Northern Premier League Premier Division in England

The squad, despite the departure of Cardozo, could be stronger than last year.

Michael Chatzitrifonos The Coach

Led the club to finals for the first time in 2008 and looks to have another talent riddled squad at his disposal. His major challenge will be finding different avenues to goal.

Richie Cardozo Key Player

Richie has decided to stick with Richmond and his creativity through the middle of the pitch will be vitally important. He also found the back of the net on 10 occasions last year.

Andrew Viola Shooting Star

Viola, a former Richmond under 21 captain, would have ear marked a starting position in 2009 after having a taste of the top flight last year.

CLUB COLOURS

HOME

Shirt	White
Shorts	Black
Socks	White

AWAY

Shirt	Green
Shorts	Black
Socks	White

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3. Erhan Karahan
5. Stuart McCluskey
6. Dimitri Tsiaras
7. Daniel Visevic
9. George Goutzioulis
10. Richie Cardozo
11. Nick Kalambokis
14. Michael Catalano
17. Lorenz Kindtner
20. Nemanja Govedarica
22. Rani Dowisha
31. Andrew Viola



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SOUTH MELBOURNE

In the club's 50th year, South Melbourne FC is hell-bent on marking the significant occasion by adding another championship to its trophy cabinet. It has enjoyed a flawless pre-season, winning the Hellenic Cup final over Heidelberg United at John Cain Reserve. Memberships are booming at Bob Jane Stadium, and expectations are that Australia's most successful football club is set for a return to prominence.

One of the biggest VPL off-season signings was Vaughan Coveny, who has spent the last four seasons in the A League with Newcastle Jets and Wellington Phoenix. Highly rated Keeper Tommi Tommich and Rama Tavsancioglu head up a strong defensive unit, while the addition of Stiven Mirkela from reigning champion Altona Magic will only make it harder for teams to score against them. Fernando De Moraes is flying through the middle of the park and Gianni De Nittis will most likely form a two pronged strike partnership with Coveny.

It's a big year for South Melbourne FC, and their football department appears to have prepared accordingly after a disappointing 2008.

Michael Mikalakopoulos The Coach

Mikalakopoulos took the reigns at Bob Jane Stadium in April last year, and will be looking for an improved effort from his charges in 2009. He had previously coached Essendon Royals and 2007 runner-up Whittlesea Zebras in the VPL, and was part of 1991 South Melbourne national title winning squad as a player.

Vaughan Coveny Key Player

The man they call 'Horse' will rejoin the club where he was a favorite son before embarking on A League stints with the Newcastle Jets and his native Wellington Phoenix in New Zealand. He is a two time championship winning player with South Melbourne and was also a member of the team that competed at the FIFA World Club Championships in Brazil in 2000.

Goran Zoric Shooting Star

Zoric, in his second year at the club, has enjoyed a solid preparation and will be looking to make his mark.

CLUB COLOURS

HOME

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Shorts	Blue
Socks	Blue

AWAY

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Shorts	White
Socks	White

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| 2. Shane Nunes | 18. Dejan Radjicic |
| 3. Rhodri Payne | 19. Goran Zoric |
| 4. Steven O'Dor | 20. Nathan Caldwell |
| 5. Con Blatsis | 21. Stefan Sardelic |
| 6. Eddie Cetkin | 23. Sebastian Petrovic |
| 7. Nic Curtis | 41. Andrew Sfetopoulos |
| 8. Vaughn Coveny | |
| 9. Gianni De Nittis | |
| 10. Joseph Youseff | |
| 11. Yusef Yusef | |
| 12. Sam Torrens | |
| 13. Francesco Stella | |
| 14. Ramazan Tavsancioglu | |
| 15. Fernando De Moraes | |



Rama Tavsancioglu



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SUNSHINE GEORGIES

It will be operation 'Stay Put' for Sunshine Georgies this season as it tries to cement a permanent position in the Victorian Premier League. Georgies were relegated from the top flight at the end of the 2007 season, but showed its resilience and fighting quality in 2008 by winning the State League One championship to earn promotion straight back up. The challenge now is to stay put, and their focus must switch to winning enough points at home pitch, Chaplin Reserve, to ensure they do.

Vasco Trpceviski will give the side a hard edge and his experience is much needed, but they will need to rely on improvement from within the club. Looms as a tough year, but under coach Andy O'Dell, they'll push hard to hold ground.

Andy O'Dell The Coach

O'Dell is highly rated down at Sunshine Georgies and had his team playing passionate, in-your-face football last year which ultimately led to State League One success. Has some exciting talent to work with.

Martin John Key Player

John will shoulder the weight of his side's hopes from the last line of the pitch. He is an immensely talented goal keeper with natural leadership qualities.

David Calleja Shooting Star

A product of the Georgies junior structure, the youngster will get ample opportunity in 2009 to showcase his skill and flair.

CLUB COLOURS

HOME

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Shorts	Red
Socks	Red

AWAY

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Socks	White

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| 2. Wayne Wallace | 17. Jack Webster |
| 3. Thomas Johnston | 18. Phil Cutler |
| 4. Mathew Cini | 19. John Baros |
| 5. Vasko Trpceviski | |
| 6. David Calleja | |
| 7. John Black | |
| 8. Steve Underwood | |
| 9. Steven Manceski | |
| 10. George Papadopoulos | |
| 11. Peter Kotsoupias | |
| 12. Ben Cogger | |
| 13. Neal Scott | |
| 14. John Sapazovski | |
| 15. Chris Kontas | |



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WHITTLESEA ZEBRAS

The season couldn't start quick enough for Whittlesea Zebras. They endured a disastrous campaign in 2008, narrowly avoiding relegation after playing off in the VPL grand final in 2007. A greater output from senior players is expected this year and the club has shored up its stocks with the addition of some proven performers.

Former players Josip Kozic, Tex Apostalikis and Marco Santilli have all returned to the Zebras, while reliable captain Ross Antoniadis will lead the side again in a positive sign. With competition expected to be at an all-time high this year, Whittlesea will need to raise the bar if it wants to return to finals action.

Ivan Jolic The Coach

Jolic was said to be seething about the performance of his side last year and has spent the summer months trying to re-instill a winning culture. He has enticed some old heads back to the club for that very reason, and let go several players as a result of last season's failure. Expect a more aggressive Jolic coached team this campaign.

Ross Antoniadis Key Player

Antoniadis is the heart and soul of the club and proved his value again last year by finishing sixth in the Gold Medal with 26 votes.

Julian Cassano Shooting Star

Cassano, just 16, has enjoyed a superb pre-season and is likely to get an opportunity at senior level.

CLUB COLOURS

HOME

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Shorts	White & Black
Socks	White & Black

AWAY

Shirt	Blue
Shorts	Blue
Socks	Blue

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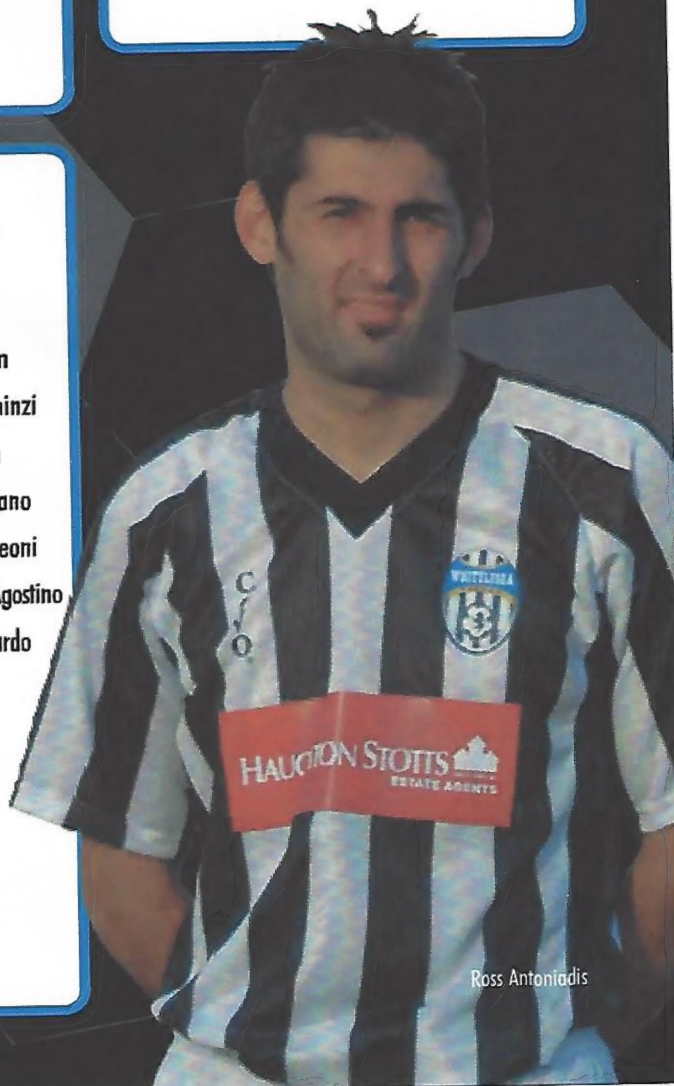
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7. Marko Kuna
8. Andrea Lombardo
9. Tex Apostalikas
10. Josip Kozic
11. Marco Santilli
12. Mark Vazocchi
13. Brandon Vassallo
14. Edemar Garcia
15. Ryan O'Hare
16. Steve Martin
17. Mark Pistininzi
18. Nick Sarbin
19. Julian Cassano
20. Robert Simeoni
21. Haydan D'Agostino
22. Greg Lombardo



Ross Antoniadis

